

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 22-93 are allowed.

With respect to claims 22 and 32, Sharman (H0,001,641) is the closest prior art to the application invention which discloses a method for operating a communication system, the method comprising: receiving via a wireless packet communication link a message requesting setup of a voice call (See Sherman e.g. 906 of Fig. 9, Co. 1, Lines 33-44, Figs. 1-9). However, the prior art of record fails to disclose singly or in combination or render obvious that the message comprising a destination address; the at least one processor operable to send, via a conventional telephone switching network link, signals based upon the destination address requesting setup of the voice call; the at least one processor operable to receive, via the conventional telephone switching network link, signals representing call status; the at least one processor operable to establish communication of signals representative of voice between the packet network and the conventional telephone switching network link, if call status indicating establishment of a connection is received; and the at least one processor operable to refrain from establishing communication of signals representative of voice between the packet network and the conventional telephone switching network link, if call status indicating establishment of a connection is not received.

With respect to claims 42, 50, 58, 68, 78 and 86, the prior art of record fails to disclose singly or in combination or render obvious that the method comprising: at least one processor operable to receive, via a conventional telephone switching network link,

an indication of an incoming voice call; the at least one processor operable to accept, via the conventional telephone switching network link, a destination address; the at least one processor operable to identify a packet network address based upon the destination address; the at least one processor operable to send, via the packet network using the identified packet network address, a message requesting setup of the voice call; the at least one processor operable to receive, via the packet network, a message indicating call status; the at least one processor operable to establish voice communication between the packet network and the conventional telephone switching network link, if call status indicating establishment of a connection is received; and the at least one processor operable to refrain from establishing voice communication between the packet network and the conventional telephone switching network link, if call status indicating establishment of a connection is not received.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MOUNIR MOUTAOUAKIL whose telephone number is (571)270-1416. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (1pm-4:30pm) eastern time.

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